

## Educational

## EDUCATION IN NEW JERSEY.

New Jersey regards with just pride her educational position among the States of the Union.

It has two Colleges. Old and ranking highest "Old Nassau Hall," at Princeton College, now known as the "College of New Jersey," which is the peer of the best colleges of our Country, and numbers on its under graduate catalogue four hundred students.

The College of New Brunswick, is a highly respectable collegiate institution. There are four Theological schools, Princeton, Presbyterian; New Brunswick, Methodist; and German at Bloomfield, Presbyterian.

There are a number of well established incorporated Academies of a high order, and many successful private schools and academies of the first class.

But while much praise and extensive patronage are accorded to these more select institutions of learning, we are gratified to know that our PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM has attracted very general attention and excited special admiration.

We have just been examining for the second time and with deepest interest the recent report of our most trusted and efficient State Superintendent, E. A. APPAR, Esq.

We confess to some surprise at finding in the report no reference to the State Normal and Model School at Trenton, which has attained to such just and wide celebrity for its effective usefulness in training teachers. Is it not a part, a very essential part of our Public School system?

Mr. APPAR's recommendation of the "Township School system," i. e. constituting each township a district with six trustees elected to serve for three years, two retiring each year, meets our unqualified approval. It is easy to see that it would greatly simplify surveillance and management, it would be more economical and more effective for good. The change could be easily effected and the Legislature should undoubtedly adopt the suggestion and pass a bill to this effect at the present session. The wonder is that so obvious an improvement as this measure proposes should have been delayed so long.

Let us ask our readers to consider with us some interesting particulars which we gather from this report.

With 1,450 school houses in this little State and a property valuation of \$5,554,828; with an annual revenue for their support of \$1,836,838; and an additional annual disbursement of \$660,715 for building and repairs of school houses; our 286,444 school children may well offer grateful acknowledgments to the enlightened legislation which has made such liberal provisions, and challenge comparison with any other State of the Union.

It is worthy of remark that no less than sixty-two of these school houses are splendid edifices, fitted up with all necessary educational appliances, on the most approved plans which long experience suggests, and at a cost of over \$30,000 each. It is also an interesting fact to know, that the total sum appropriated to the support of the schools is equal to \$6.40 to each of the school children in the State.

In the management and conduct of the 1490 schools of the State, have been employed 1,131 teachers, of whom, 907 were male and 2,234 female teachers, whose average salaries have been for the former, \$53.92 per month, and for the latter \$36.61 per month.

The remarkable growth of our Public School system is indicated in the regular increase of the amount raised for school purposes during the five years past.

Thus in 1869 it was ..... \$1,457,938  
1870 ..... 1,581,698  
1871 ..... 2,295,340  
1872 ..... 2,268,010  
1873 ..... 2,497,068

Showing an increase during this period of \$1,040,135—being equal to 71.1-3 per cent. advance!

In the value of school property during the same period, the increase has been still greater, from \$1,990,096 to \$5,554,828—being equal to 95.1-3 per cent. advance.

These statistics form an important index of the condition and prosperity of our school system.

Another most valuable and significant exponent would be—the character and relations of the trustees to the schools. By "character" we mean moral and educational fitness, and by "relations" we mean the interest they cherish and the fidelity with which they visit the schools and encourage the teachers and pupils.

A clear statement from each County Superintendent in regard to these points, which should set forth in general terms the fitness of the chosen trustee for the highly important work committed to their trust by frequent visitations to the schools and the moral countenance and support which they afford to the teachers, would give a better insight from another standpoint into the inner workings of our well developed school system. It would induce the faithful of every district to exercise greater care and circumspection in the selection of trustees.

Good, competent, efficient trustees will make a good school. Uninterested, indifferent, incompetent ones, may easily render all the expenditure for the school of little worth and cause the valuable time of the pupils to be completely wasted.

We are happy to believe that in the large number of the school districts of our State the people are not indifferent in this matter, yet there is no little danger that in too many cases unworthy influences may nominate the men, because of certain political or ecclesiastical, or even social affinities, and rush them into the trusteeship to the disadvantage of our school system and the irreparable loss of our children.

## MARCH MAGAZINES.

## HARPER'S CONTENTS.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for March contains Nineteen Articles, and over Seventy Engravings.

"The Light Houses of the United States"—Charles Nordhoff. With thirteen illustrations. "Advice"—Elizabeth Akers Allen. "The Cavalier Bayard"—James Grant Wilson. With four illustrations. "Herminia"—Christiana Benda. With fifteen illustrations. "Archibald Constable and his Friends"—A. G. Constable. With 12 illustrations. "Mother and I: A Love Story for Girls"—Dinah Mulock Craik. With three illustrations. "Prayer of Columbus"—Walt Whitman. "Observations in the United States"—Prof. J. E. Nourse. With seventeen illustrations. "The Living Link"—Prof. James de Mille. With three illustrations. "The Wrights and Wrongs of Seamen"—Charles Nordhoff. "Jo and I"—Harriet Prescott Spofford. "The Mission of St. Valentine"—Fannie R. Robinson. With illustrated initial. "The Night Train for Paradise" (Accommodation)—Louise E. Furness. "Love among the Groves"—Mary B. Dodge. "Recollections of an Old Soldier"—"The Outside of the Window"—John James Platt. "A Scheme for Vengeance"—Mr. Frank McCarthy. "Lyric of Action"—Paul H. Hayne. "Lewis Gaylord Clark"—T. B. Thorpe.

EDITORIAL.—Easy Chair. Literary Record. Scientific Record. Historical Record. Drawer (with five illustrations).

AMERICAN SCENERY, which none is more beautiful, very properly holds the leading place in the March issue of the ALICE. Three charming pictures, by J. D. Woodard, represent some of the most striking scenes in North-Western Virginia. "Balcony Falls, James River," a perfect picture. The wonderful "Natural Bridge," and "James River, above Rope Ferry," C. Metcalf, a French artist, has an ideal picture of "Poland," a full page picture, representing a woman, shackled, bare footed, seated amid snow and ice, crunched down with sorrow, but not subdued. Fritz Paulsen contributes a full-page picture, artistic and beautiful in all its details, "Her Treasure," showing the interior of a chamber, with a group of ladies standing about a cradle, in which there is a sleeping infant. "The Wolf turned Shepherd" is a fine picture by Dove. "Laying Out a Town," is a child-like picture, eminently life-like, by John S. Davis. Speech contributes two magnificent cuts of animal life, one representing "English Greyhounds," and the other "Wild Boars," a fine contrast between domestic and wild animals. An excellent portrait of Annie Louise Cary, in the character of Annerley, in the new opera of "Aida," embellishes this number. Another large portrait picture represents "Goethe at Home," in the chamber where he spent his childhood. "The Return of the Exile," by T. E. Rosenthal, is a beautiful picture which depicts an incident in the life of a Spaniard, who returned to his castle to find it ruined.

The literary contents do not fall behind the pictures in number and interest. "The Last Hunt," a charming story of "The Two Artists," Diego Velazquez and Miguel Cervantes; "Somebody's Baby," a poetical "Tribute" to the late J. R. Thompson, the Southern poet; an interesting story, "And He shall be Thy Master," by Mrs. Emily E. Ford, wife of the publisher of the New York Tribune; "Two Drowned Uplanders," "I would not, if I could," "Winter" in Canadian Forests, "The Temptation," "The Land of the Dakotas," "The Departments of Music," "Drama," "Literature," and "Art," are well filled. The editorial articles in this number consist of a "Poland," "Views in Virginia," "Return of the Exile," "The Wolf turned Shepherd," "Development of Animals," and "Goethe at Home." Subscription price \$2, including chronicle, "The East" and "The West." James Sutton & Co., publishers, 58 Maiden Lane, New York City.

THE SCIENCE OF HEALTH.—An excellent number of this most useful publication, and one that should be read carefully by all who value that which is so essential to their well being—Health. It contains flow to Get Well and Keep Well, Mother's Moulding Work; Disease and its Treatment; Sanitary Impurities; Popular Physiology, Illustrated; A Remedy for Tobacco-Using; How to Eat and How to Digest; Instincts about Food; Seasonable Recipes; House-Work Hints; Dietetic Alcohol and Hygienic Tobacco; Of What are We Made? Apples and Phosphorus, with many short instructive paragraphs. Answers to Correspondents; and Voice of the People, \$2.00 a year.—S. R. Wells, 389 Broadway, New York.

THE DEATH RATES OF VARIOUS CITIES.—The highest death rate in 1873 was exhibited by Memphis, where the deaths were 16.4 in each 1,000 inhabitants. Other cities follow in this order: Savannah, 20.2; Victoria, 20.4; Troy, 21.4; Hoboken, 22.1; New York, 22.7; Memphis, 21.8; St. Louis, 20.5; Boston, 20.3. The rate for Philadelphia was only 20.1; Brooklyn, 21.1; St. Louis, 20.1; Chicago, 20.6; Baltimore, 21.1; Cincinnati, 20.5; San Francisco, 17.2. This compares not unfavorably with the mortality statistics of British cities, where the lowest rate was 21.4; that of London, Bombay and Calcutta show only 20.3 and 25, respectively. The highest known death-rate prevailed in Yulpharia, China. Popular Science Monthly.

CAN A WOMAN BE A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.—AUGUSTA ME. Feb. 6.—A question having been raised as to the legal right of a woman to hold the office of Justice of the Peace, the Governor and Council have called upon the Supreme court for their opinion, first, as to whether she has such a right now, under the Constitution and laws, and, second, whether it is competent for the Legislature to authorize such appointment of a woman.

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